

AT THE CHURCHES.

Services Held at Four of them Yesterday.

Rev. Downs of Tempe, Fills the Methodist Pulpit.

Gist of the Sermons by Rev. Pearson, the Episcopal, and Rev. Rickerson, the Baptist Ministers.

The Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Christian churches held services yesterday. Despite the warm weather the attendance averaged well. Rev. Downs of Tempe, filled the pulpit of the Methodist church in the morning, presenting a discourse upon "Prayer."

Rev. Ingram filled the pulpit of the Christian church, choosing for the subject of his evening lecture, "Man."

At Trinity Episcopal church an especial feature of the morning service was the music. Prof. M. M. Harris sang the baritone solo, "Resting in Jesus." Rev. R. W. Pearson selected his text from Hebrews xii-1, upon "THE CHRISTIAN RACE."

The reverend gentleman divided his discussion of the subject into two heads: First, the obligation set forth by the text to lay aside all the burdens of the purely material life. Like a race in the Olympic games, to be free from incubation—to lay aside every weight and the sins that do beset. Second, the inspiration, possessed by the fact that we are encompassed by a cloud of witnesses.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Rickerson presented his fourth sermon upon "Faith," entitled it.

"RELATION OF FAITH TO WORK." After reading Hebrews xi-6, 7, touching upon the faith of Noah and the desires of a Christian, Mr. Rickerson said:

"If we search for examples of heroic faith, unquestioning obedience, toilsome patient, triumphant work, we shall find none more marked, none more suggestive of human possibilities and divine rewards than the case of the patriarch Noah. With that apparently studied simplicity, which is the strength and beauty of bible narrative, the historian says, 'And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and he grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy now whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man and beast, and the creeping things and the fowls of the air, for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.' To Noah God said, 'Make thee an ark,' and when the mighty architect of the eternities had carefully drawn the plan and rehearsed the specifications in the ears of his chosen master-workman, what sublime words are added, full of living seed, thoughts of truth, as a field of golden grain is full of the promise of harvest. 'Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he.' You know it all in a sentence; the long-suffering patience of God, its outrage and its awful rebound, the labor and its reward, the faith and its victory. God's word came and the work commenced. In the forests the click of the axe and the ring of saws was heard; on the plain the tramp of hurrying feet, the tread of patient beasts of burden. The keel was shaped and set, the ribs stood up—the skeleton of God's greater whale to rescue from the perils of a mightier sea, this more heroic Jonah, the purchase of righteousness to a world of Ninevites—the hammer rattled, the ark grew on through the years to its grand proportions, the world railed at the old builder's folly, and sneered at his blind, childish faith, and howled their triumph over his demoted predictions and defied the power of his God. The last hammer-stroke was made, the door was shut, the hand that holds the seas was opened above the parting heavens, the ark rose on the bosom of the flood and every sneer and triumphant shout and howl of defiance, was forever hushed beneath the waters. 'God is not a man that he should lie,' hath he said and he shall not do it? Or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good? There is no evidence that the actual time of the flood's coming was revealed to Noah. Yonder, somewhere, was the world's destruction; here was today's work, the commencement of the ark. Both the future flood and the present duty rested on faith. God would give strength for today's toil. God would care for the final issue. It was simply his business to fill the gap between, whether it were a gulf of days, or months, or years, or centuries. So he stripped for his work and went at, and through it to success and reward. If a reasonable apology for unbelief could ever be framed, then, surely, it might have been done here. In the heavens above, and on the earth beneath, there were no signs of coming tempest, the months went on, the flocks fed and grew on the hill-sides, the grain sprouted and ripened and was harvested in the valleys, morning by morning the dew fell and glistened and was gone, evening by evening the sun bade the earth goodnight and left behind no fiery warning, the clouds gave pattering showers, coming with peaceful messages of good cheer to the waiting earth; and when the tempest howled it spent its fury in an hour and the sun hurriedly burst through the clouds to mock all rising fears. The years slipped by, there was marrying and giving in marriage, generations came and went, a century rolled its weary round, there was no further prophecy of impending destruction, no other voice cleft the awful clouds of darkness where the wheel of God's power rolled. All rested on the simple unemphasized testimony of God—uttered yonder, far down the years, till the echo was well nigh lost in the fast increasing distance—'I will destroy man whom I have created, make thee an ark.' Not a sentence was transposed, not a word was omitted, not a letter was changed. Noah believed it, every sentence and word and letter, just as God uttered it, and acted, lived like a man believing the testimony of God, and so, becoming 'heir of the righteousness which is by faith,' was saved."

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